

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas Feb 5th 1900

Hon J.W. McVay mayor presiding

Tell called

Present Aldermen Anderson, Fisher, Glass, Mortimer and Stumpf 5
Absent Aldermen Morris & Nolen 2

In motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the clerk
without reading.

Petitions memorials etc

~~Petition for light~~ ^{for light} Mrs Wood. The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Everett S. as
Agent for Mrs Wood asking a rebate in Taxes. The petition was on
Motion referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

~~P.D. Meyer & P.F. Pringle for building~~ ^{permits for building} P.D. Meyer and G.P. Pringle for permission to erect iron clad
sheds within the fire limits, which were on motion
referred to the Fire Commissioners

Resolution

Mrs Hagedorn's claim was read and on motion referred to the Fire Committee and
Ground East City Engineer. "Be it resolved by the City Council of the City
of Austin Fire Dept of Austin: That whereas Mrs Hagedorn has made demand upon
the Chief of the Fire Dept to remove the stairway to the building of
the East Austin Fire Company, under the claim that said
stairway is situated on her property, the Fire Committee and
the City Attorney are hereby instructed to investigate said
claim and report back to this body.

~~Alderman Caldwell~~ ^{building permit} By Alderman Mortimer - Application of Alderman Caldwell
for permission to erect an iron roof shed within the fire limits

On motion the application was referred to the Fire Commissioners
~~Petition of citizens~~ ^{on Rainey street} By Alderman Mortimer Petition of citizens asking that certain
street work be done on Rainey street. The petition was read and on
motion was referred to the street committee.

~~Petition of W.L. Shadley & G.W. Norman~~ ^{to cut down alley} By Alderman Mortimer - Petition of W.L. Shadley & G.W. Norman
asking permission to cut down Alley in back of Lots 3, 4 & 5 in out lot
to Division B. On motion the petition was referred to the street
committee

~~Petition to remove~~ ^{pet.} By Alderman Glass. Petition of citizens asking the removal of
slaughter pens near their homes. Read and on motion referred
to the sanitary committee

Proposed by Robertson ^{to compromise back taxes} By Alderman Fisher - Proposition of James H. Robertson to
compromise back taxes. Read and referred to the Claims and accounts
committee

Reports of City Officers

~~Adams & Co~~ ^{etc.} The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of City officers for the
Month of January 1900. The report of the Treasurer was read
and the others referred to their appropriate committees
without reading. The following is a synopsis of the
reports.

For the Session & Collection

To Collections as follows

From General Revenue taxes.

a License	\$ 1,712.87-
" Travis County a/c City Board Capital	579.55
" Fines in Mayors Court	500.00
" Pound fees & Sales	146.00
" Penalties, Interest & Costs (a/c taxes)	83.00
	<u>2761.3</u>

Total for General fund
Interest Sinking fund Water & Light bonds.

" " " a/c " "

School taxes

Total Collections

Referred to the Finance Committee

By the City Clerk

Total amount of warrants issued during the month
against the General fund \$ 4,738.43

Referred to the Finance Committee

By the City Treasurer

General fund.

Balance Jan 1st 1900	\$ 39,935.37
Received during the month from Collection Sterling	1,796.00
Disbursements	
Paid Warrants during the month	\$ 4336.73
Balance	<u>37,894.64</u>
	\$ 41,731.37
	<u>\$ 41,731.37</u>

Warnings fund.

Balance Jan 1st 1900.	\$ 2,617.82
Rec'd during the month from Asstt. Collector	6315.97
Disbursements	
Paid Warrants during the month	\$ 6,221.54
Balance	<u>2711.75</u>
	\$ 8,933.29
	<u>\$ 8,933.29</u>

Interest on Water and Light bonds

Balance Jan 1st 1900	\$ 2750.30
Rec'd during the month from Collection Sterling	<u>642.86</u>
Balance	\$ 3393.16

Sinking fund Water and Light bonds

Balance Jan 1st 1900	Cash	\$ 34,021.14
	High School Bonds	10,000.00
Rec'd during the month from Collection Sterling		257.00
" Interest on High School Bonds		3.08.00
Disbursements. Paid for 3. w/w taxes	6306.71	
Balance Cash	<u>1307.07</u>	
	<u>114400.10</u>	
		<u>\$ 14,400.18</u>

Interest on sinking fund old bonds

Balance Jan'y 1st 1900	Cash	\$ 3,567.48
6-5% W. Light-	bonds	6000.00
Ass'd. during the Month from Collection Sinking (cash)		90.00
3-5% Water Light-bonds		3000.00

Disbursements

Paid for 3-5% Water Light-bonds	\$ 029.11	
Balance Cash	608.37	
9-5% W. Light. Bonds	<u>9000.00</u>	
		\$ 12,657.48
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Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Marshall

Total amount of fines assessed in Maravas Court	\$ 575.00
Paid in Cash	\$ 262.00
Worked out	257.00
Carried forward	<u>56.00</u>
	\$ 575.00
	28.50

Pound fees Collected

Referred to Police Committee

By the City Physician

Number of patients in Hospital Jan'y 1st, 1900	32
" " " admitted in " "	9
" " " dismissed " "	5
" " deaths " "	3
" " patients remaining " 31st "	33
" " Visits to patients " "	1205
" " Prescriptions patients " "	306
" " Doses Smallpox " "	7
" " " Scarlet fever " "	6.

Referred to Capital Committee

By the City Sexton

Total number of deaths	17
White 15	
Mexican 1	
Col'd 1	
Male 11	
Female 6.	

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Report by City Attorney Laid before the Council the report of the City Attorney and Assessor and Collector, giving a list of property sold under judgment of the City Court for taxes due and the right of redemption forfeited. The report was on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee whom was

Report St. Line bet McAllister & Dayline	referred the petition of H. T. Gilvary asking permission to lay a pipe from the Artesian well to the brick kiln lot; presented a report recommending that the petition be granted - The report of the Committee was adopted.
Report St. Line bet Fidgen & Widen side walk Opulent st.	Alderman Ficken for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens asking authority to widen the side-walk between Guadeloupe street and West Avenue to a width of sixteen feet presented a report recommending that the petition be granted - The report of the Committee was adopted.
Finance Com Pet Rosa Delano Taxes	Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Rosa Delano, asking rebate in taxes, presented a report recommending that the petition be not allowed. The report was adopted.
Finance Com Pet Mrs. Trimbles Taxes	Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. A. Trimbles regarding back taxes presented a report recommending that the petition be not allowed. On motion the petition and the report was re-referred to the Finance Committee to be considered in connection with the report of the City Attorney and the Assessment Collector which was received at this meeting and referred to the Committee.
Finance Com Purchase of bond from city fund W.S. bonds 1900	Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee presented a report stating that the Committee had in compliance with a resolution of the Council purchased for the sinking fund of the Water and Light-bonds. \$- 5% Water & Light-bonds Nov 098,579.600 The report was adopted.
Printing Com for printing Contract w/c 1900	Alderman Glass for the Printing Committee, presented a report stating that the Committee had advertised for bids for job printing for the year ending Dec 31, 1900, and had received two bids - One from Von Baekman Schutze & Co. and one from Ben. C. Jones & Co. They recommended that the bid of Von Baekman Schutze & Co be accepted and that the contract be awarded them in accordance with their bid.
	Alderman Ficken moved to amend the report by making the time of the contract three months instead of to Dec 31, 1900 The amendment was lost by the following vote
	Yea Aldermen Ficken and Stumpf 2 Nays Aldermen Dunham, Glass and Martinen 3
	The report of the Committee was then adopted by the following vote
	Yea Aldermen Dunham, Glass and Martinen 3 Nays Alderman Ficken & Stumpf 2
	The finished business
	The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance establishing a Corporation Court. On motion of Alderman Dunham the ordinance was laid over until the next regular meeting.
	The Mayor then laid before the Council the following veto Missouri

Mayno Office, Instn'l Law

McGuire's Message
Petition award
of Contract for
newspaper
printing

January 21st, 1900

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

I received return without my approval the report of the printing Committee adopted at the meeting of the City Council held January 15th, 1900, authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Tribune Publishing Company - The following are my reasons for not approving this report:

1st The rates for printing proposed in this report are sixteen times as high as rates now paid under the old contract. In other words where under our contract with the Evening News we now pay \$100. we would under this proposed contract with the Tribune pay \$1600. This seems to me to be an erroneous increase in the rates and I think we should not rush into such a contract.

2nd I learn that the calls for bids was not published in the paper doing the City printing, and I think it is safe to believe that interested parties would naturally expect to find a call of this kind in that paper.

3rd It appears that only one bid was received. It is fair to suppose that the Tribune is not the only paper that would be willing to do the City printing. It seems clear therefore, that it was not generally known that bids had been called for.

4th I am certain that if bids were advertised for there will be competition and the City will be able to make better terms than are offered in the single bid made. At any rate there can be nothing lost to the City by calling for bids again, and there is good reason to believe that a lower bid will be received.

Respectfully,

Jno. R. McCall
Mayor

Alderman Nolen entered the Council Chamber
Alderman Glass moved to reconsider the vote, by which the report of the Committee on printing was adopted which motion prevailed

Com report
adopted over
our Mayor's veto

Alderman Glass then moved that the report of the Committee on printing be adopted notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, which motion prevailed by the following vote

Yea Alderman Remond, Focher, Glass Mortimer
and Nolen

Nay Alderman Stumpf

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following

Veto Message which was read

Mayors Office Austin Texas January 22nd, 1900.

In the Municipal City Council; Gauteng;

Mayors Veto
resolution to
print Mail.

of herewith

Approval the following resolution:

I hereby return without my

"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin
that the Mayor is hereby directed to make publication
of equalization through the daily papers of the City for ten consecutive days
and give notice that all persons whose assessments have been
changed by the Board of Equalization have the right under certain
provisions of the City Charter to appeal to the City Council for a
revision of the decision of said Board of Equalization after
first appearing before said Board of Equalization and pro�ecting
against such change." Passed by the City Council January 10th 1900
I decline to approve this resolution for the following reasons:

10th The publication called for in the resolution would in my opinion involve a useless expenditure of public funds. There is no need or demand for such publication. The City Charter and ordinances provide that all who are dissatisfied with the action of the Board of Equalization have the right of appeal to the City Council. These facts I think are already well known to all whose interests are involved. Hence the publication contemplated in the resolution would be entirely useless, and without good purpose.

2nd & useless expenditure of public funds is a waste of
public funds. As the publication provided for in the resolution
would not give interested parties any information that they
do not now possess the cost of the publication would, in my
opinion, be nothing more nor less than a waste of public money.
Hence I cannot approve it

Respectfully,

J.W. D. McLean - Mayor

Alderman Glass moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Glass then moved that the resolution be adopted.

Notwithstanding the Mayors objections, which motion was last
Vetoed by the following Vote

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The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of the Water & Light Commission for water & light furnished the City to January 31st '900 which was on motion referred to the Water & Light Committee

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By Alderman Stump An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$-8.00 toward salaries of Special Policemen for the month of January, 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Dear Alderman Durham Pick a Glass Mortimer Noland Kniff

Nays. None

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By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,586.21 to pay the salaries of officers and employees of the City for the month of Feby 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer
Nolen & Stumpf 6

Nays. None.

all approved
By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,258.71 to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer
Nolen & Stumpf 6.

Nays. None.

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Team
By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$120.00 to pay the salaries of drivers of street teams for the Month of Feby 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer
Nolen & Stumpf 6.

Nays. None.

Resolution
Authorizing the
use of
3rd class
which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that whereas the Board of Equalization are now completing their audit of city taxes and as the City is now in arrears in collecting the taxes of 1899 for three months, the City Assessor & Collector is hereby authorized to employ three clerks to assist him in racking up the tax rolls with all necessary tax receipts and that they be allowed the sum of \$3.00 per day for each day that they are engaged in that work, and the Assessor & Collector shall approve the accounts for payment by the City.

By Alderman Dunham An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$140.00 to repair the Fire Hall on West 8th Street
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yea Alderman Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen
and Stumpf 6

Nays. None.

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employees
Feb 1900
By Alderman Glass. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$320.00 to pay salaries of sanitary employees for the month of Feby 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yea Alderman Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen
and Stumpf 6

Nays. None.

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By Alderman Nolen An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of street & bridge improvements

The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading which motion was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Durham Glass Mortimer & Jensen 1
Nay's Alderman Ficken & Trunkip 2

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. S. Johnson
City Clerk